

for payment of travel and transportation allowances, known as the Official Table of Distances. The FY96 Defense Authorization Act deleted this requirement, thus providing the opportunity to use a commercial mileage product. MTMC announced a plan to convert to a new automated mileage standard calculation product in the previous **Federal Register** notice (Vol. 62, No. 218, page 60692) Wednesday, November 12, 1997. In seeking a single integrated source of automated highway distance calculations, the MTMC contracted with Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) to perform a market survey of available products (Phase I) and to provide a product that would support DoD transportation programs (Phase II). SAIC in turn conducted a commercial competition to identify and acquire a commercial-off-the-shelf, point-to-point distance calculation source that would meet all the DoD requirements. PC*MILER was chosen by SAIC to be that source. PC*MILER, developed specifically to serve the trucking industry, will contain Standard Point Location Codes, military locations and other worldwide locations required by DoD. Updates and version control of DTOD and PC*MILER will be consistent with industry practices.

b. In surveying and evaluating vendors and products, SAIC's criteria focused on compatibility with existing and planned automated systems, consistency in calculation, and adaptability to various DoD network applications and transportation program uses. SAIC also compared commercially available distance calculation products to identify viable candidates for the competitive selection process. That comparison resulted in finding a variance of 2.0%+/- amongst the vendors of evaluated products. A copy of this comparison will be provided, upon written request, sent to the point of contract identified above.

c. The DTOD/PC*MILER product will calculate both "shortest" and "practical" mileage. Currently, the DoD and the household goods carrier industry use "shortest" mileage to calculate the distances used for payment purposes. "Shortest" routes represent distances and routes that a driver would take to minimize total distance traveled while still following a truck-navigable route. DoD will continue to use the "shortest" routes. Carriers and/or other parties who choose to use PC*MILER will have opportunities to provide feedback to ALK Associates, Inc., the provider of DTOD software, regarding routings, database suggestions such as distance differences, road preference

suggestions, road reclassifications, new locations, etc. ALK Associates, Inc., will provide all interested parties the capability to license PC*MILER, to ensure the ability to consistently determine the exact mileage that the DoD uses for payments and auditing.

d. It is anticipated that transition to DTOD will have no significant impact on small businesses since those businesses currently use one or more similar distance calculation products. All offerors will be free to establish their rates based on applicable distance information.

e. Interested parties are invited to provide comments concerning the use of the DTOD in the DoD Personal Property Program and the proposed implementation dates to the address provided above. Comments will be accepted for a period of 60 days from the publication date of this notice.

7. Regulatory Flexibility Act. This change is related to public contracts and is designed to standardize distance calculations for line-haul transportation. This change is not considered rule making within the meaning of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601-612.

8. Paperwork Reduction Act. The Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq., does not apply because no information collection requirements or recordskeeping responsibilities are imposed on offerors, contractors, or members of the public.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Protective Exclusive License Announcement

AGENCY: U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command.

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SUMMARY: In accordance with 37 CFR 404.7(a)(1)(i), announcement is made of prospective exclusive license for U.S. Patent Number 5,665,970.

DATES: Written objections must be filed not later than August 10, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written objections should be directed to Mr. George B. Tereschuk, Intellectual Property Law Division, U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command, ATTN: AMSEL-LG-L, Fort Monmouth, New Jersey 07703-5010,
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: U.S. Patent Number 5,665,970, filed on July 3, 1996, entitled, "Directional Radiation Detector and Imager," was issued to Kronenberg et al on September 9, 1997. This U.S. Patent was assigned to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of the Army. Accordingly, under the authority of Section 11(a)(2) of the Federal Technology Transfer Act of 1986 (Pub L. 99-502) and Title 35, United States Code, section 207, the Department of the Army, as represented by the Communications-Electronics Command, intends to grant an exclusive license for the above identified U.S. Patent to Canberra Industries, A Division of Packard BioScience.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 404.7(a)(1)(i) any interested party may file written objections to this prospective exclusive license agreement at the above address. Written objections must be filed on or before August 10, 1998.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-572-000]

NorAm Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Application for Abandonment

June 4, 1998.

Take notice that on May 29, 1998, NorAm Gas Transmission Company (NGT), 1111 Louisiana, Houston, Texas 77002 filed an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations requesting permission and approval to abandon exchange services with Arkansas Oklahoma Gas Company (AOG). The application is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

NGT states that Arkla Energy Resources Company, now NGT, entered into exchange transactions in 1973 and 1979 with AOG. NGT states that the 1973 and 1979 exchange agreements were certificated in Docket No. CP87-458 by Order Issuing Certificate and Authorizing Abandonment issued June 8, 1989 (47 FERC ¶ 61,342). As of July 1, 1990 the 1973 and 1979 exchanges